NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Final Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2013012007)
for the Proposed
Richmond Bay Campus Long Range Development Plan
and Related Documents

To: Responsible agencies, interested organizations, and members of the public

The University of California (UC) is the Lead Agency for a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Richmond Bay Campus Long Range Development Plan (LRDP). The project would establish, construct, and operate a new major research campus ("Richmond Bay Campus," or "RBC") on 134 acres of land UC owns in Richmond, California (at 1301 South 46th Street in Richmond's South Shoreline area). The proposed RBC 2014 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) has been prepared by UC Berkeley and UC Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; the LRDP would guide development of up to 5.4 million square feet of RBC research, office, and support facilities through 2050.

A Draft EIR was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the University of California's guidelines on implementing CEQA. It was circulated for agency and public review and comment from November 15, 2013 to January 21, 2014. In addition, a public hearing was held to further solicit public comment on December 11, 2013. After careful review and consideration, the University has prepared a Final EIR that includes responses to all comments received during the comment period; a complete, revised edition of the EIR; and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP). This Final EIR has been submitted to The University of California Board of Regents for consideration at the upcoming Regents meeting to be held in Sacramento on May 14 and 15. At this meeting, the Board of Regents will decide whether to adopt the RBC LRDP and certify the EIR.

The University has made the Final EIR, the MMRP, and all of the Final EIR appendices available for viewing by agencies and the public, as indicated on the second page of this Notice. In addition, the following other documents are available: the final draft LRDP; the proposed Physical Design Framework; the draft Removal Action Workplan; and the *Joint Statement of Commitment to Strengthen Community Partnerships between UC Berkeley, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and the Richmond Community*, signed by UCB Chancellor Nicolas Dirks and LBNL Director Paul Alivisatos.

Agencies, groups, and individuals who commented on the Draft EIR during the comment period are provided with compact disks containing the Final EIR so they may have a record of how the University received and responded to their comments.

Final EIR Availability

An electronic version of the Final EIR and MMRP; along with the latest draft versions of the LRDP, Physical Design Framework, and Removal Action Workplan; and the *Joint Statement of Commitment* are available on-line: http://richmondbaycampus.lbl.gov/environmental_documents.html.

Final EIR hard copies are also available for review at the following libraries:

Berkeley Public Library 2090 Kittredge Street, 2nd Floor Reference Desk Berkeley, California 94704 Richmond Library, Main Branch 325 Civic Center Plaza Richmond, CA 94804 Berkeley Lab Main Library One Cyclotron Road Building 50, Room 4034 Berkeley, CA 94720

Requests for Final EIR compact disks may be made to: <u>RBC@lbl.gov</u> or by calling (510) 486-5289.

The University of California appreciates your interest in the proposed Richmond Bay Campus project and thanks you for your involvement with the environmental review process.

Sincerely,

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